

*A Biography of  
Patricia J. Kempthorne  
First Lady of Idaho*



Patricia Kempthorne, First Lady of Idaho, grew up in Boise, and graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in business management. The First Lady was married to the Governor in 1977. She has dedicated most of her time to balancing the needs of the Kempthornes' two children, Heather and Jeff, now college age. Mrs. Kempthorne has owned a private consulting business addressing family and work-life issues. Also, she co-founded the Family and Workplace Consortium in Idaho, which encourages and assists companies in developing a family consciousness in practice and policy. Two years ago, Mrs. Kempthorne joined Business Psychology Associates, in Boise, as the Director of Work-Life Initiatives.

The First Lady has focused her attention on the welfare of children and families and finding solutions to specific challenges they face, including childcare, education, healthy life choices, and work-life balance. She co-chairs the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children in support of the Governor's Generation of the Child Initiative, and she serves as a liaison for numerous boards and commissions. In addition, Mrs. Kempthorne serves as the Summer Reading Ambassador to the Idaho State Library System and promotes Family Reading Week. Mrs. Kempthorne is also committed to supporting a national public education initiative, Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, along with 33 other governor spouses.

A devoted community volunteer, the First Lady serves on the University of Idaho College of Business and Economics advisory board and she is an honorary chair for the Boys and Girls Club. She serves on the advisory councils of St. Luke's Children's Hospital, and the Casey Foundation. Mrs. Kempthorne also is a board member of the Boise Family YMCA and the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. She is currently working to restore the Alexander House in Boise.